

# Advisory Group Meeting

**Meeting:** Advisory Group Meeting  
**Date:** November 21, 2005  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Place:** Conference Call

**Attending:** Doris Tompkins, Jenny Moe, Diana Rojas, Pat Fernandez, Cyndi Treaster, Patrice Thomsen, Nidia Lopez, Sandra Holguin, Tina Guenther

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions	Follow-up Required
Opening of Meeting	<p>Cyndi welcomed everyone and apologized for not having minutes out for last meeting. Minutes for both today's and last meetings will follow. Naomi is new to minute taking and we are working on it. Jenny will provide her notes from meetings to help us.</p> <p>Cyndi also discussed issue of users for advisory. Both Tina Unger and Gina Cavasos have declined to continue to be on the advisory. Pat recommended asking Matinte Tosima, one of the Micronesian women to be on the group. Cyndi has not heard back from Harvest America on recommendation for a farmworker.</p>	Request Pat ask Tosima to be on group.	<p>Pat will talk to Tosima.</p> <p>Cyndi will pursue Harvest America recommendation.</p>
Grant Award for 2006	<p>Cyndi informed us that the Health/Business Plans had been submitted. KSFHP has received a \$14,000 increase from last year, bringing the grant total to \$685,498.00. There were no conditions on the grant.</p> <p>Patrice asked if the health promoter monies are stable at this point. Cyndi said that there was about \$20,000 in the budget for them. We presently have funding for \$15,000 and will supplement the remainder through other funding.</p>		Pursue funding for Health Promoters
Health Fair	<p>Tina was asked to give her impression of the Health Fair held in Sublette in Oct. for our Low German speaking clients. She thought the four-hour afternoon activity was a success, with about 150 children and adults in attendance. A variety of providers offered information on a broad range of health programs.</p> <p>Cyndi felt it was a disappointment that no flu shot vaccine was available from UMMAM, but vouchers to get the flu shot were distributed and the need was met that way. Tina Guenther, Lena Dyck and Helen Loewen participated, along with Robert Stiles, Pat</p>		

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	<p>Fernandez, Gabriela Barron, Cyndi Treaster, Kara Gatlin and Naomi Frantzen. She mentioned that a picture of the group was taken that she would email it along with the minutes.</p> <p>Cyndi asked what the “optimal” time to hold a health fair would be. This one was held during another harvest season and wondered if some of those who might have wanted to attend were unable to do so for that reason.</p> <p>Jenny asked why there wasn’t a health fair for Spanish speaking clients. Cyndi explained that health fairs directed at Spanish speakers were already occurring in high population areas and that KSFHP piggybacks on them.</p> <p>At this point in time, Cyndi introduced Kara Gatlin who is an Americorps worker here in our Topeka office. Kara will be helping out until next August by assisting Cyndi, Pat and Robert in their duties. She is doing great work with developing a banner and updating our display.</p>		
Strategic Planning	<p>Cyndi explained that the BPHC grant falls into two categories: <i>continuing</i> or <i>competing</i>. Every five years we have to do a competing grant. A competing grant is one where any agency can apply and receive the funding. Since our program covers the whole state, it would probably be difficult for another agency to compete. However, because the competing grant year is next year, Cyndi feels it is important to hold strategic planning meetings. We will have one for Eastern KS and one for Western KS. All advisory members and KSFHP staff will participate. Discussed when good days might be in both sites. Meetings would include staff and advisory council people.</p> <p>Doris, Sandra, Tina, Gabby, Lena and Helen could attend a central location like Dodge City.</p> <p>Cyndi, Robert, Pat, Naomi, Jenny, Diana, Nadia, Elizabeth and Patrice could meet at the Eastern location like lola or Topeka.</p>		Cyndi will find a facilitator for the strategic planning and organize times and sites.
New Promoter/Nueva Promotora	<p>Cyndi discussed the fact that that Mennonites around Newton have some specific needs that are not being met. She stated that Elizabeth Harder will begin in January as a health promoter working in that area. Elizabeth is from Mountain Lake MN and is earning a degree in social work/clergy. She will be available from Jan- next</p>		Cyndi will train and supervise new HP

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	August through the Showalter Foundation grant.		
Primary Prevention	<p>KSFHP presently has 35 active diabetic clients in the program. Case Managers and health promoters are doing a great job of identifying and working with them. We want to continue to train Case Managers &amp; Health Providers to help diabetics understand the disease and better manage it. Clients have been given a pictorial form to take to their provider with diabetic gold standard of care that requests results from labs, etc. We are working with our clients to remind them to give the providers this form and then to make sure they understand results. Tina Guenther said she has started following up on these forms already. Tina said she thought it kept the health professional accountable. It sounded like a success to all present.</p> <p>KSFHP is using CDEMS to track key indicators and creates reports to send back reports to providers to let them know how the diabetic client is doing.</p> <p>Cyndi reported that she and Robert have submitted a grant to the Sunflower Foundation. It is focused on nutrition and activity. KSFHP will be notified the end of December as to whether or not we will be asked to apply for the grant. This is a 3-year grant of \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year. Health promoters and case managers would use a curriculum from the Center of Disease control to provider presentations and follow up support to individuals and small groups. This should improve diabetic outcomes, decrease or put off the development of diabetes in new clients and also help to improve mental health in the population.</p>		Robert and Cyndi will continue to pursue funding.
	The meeting was brought to a close.		